



11/2/05

THIRD READING

SB 88 (Hardiman)

SB 88 would lower the "floor" for the scope of services that must be provided by HMO contracts. Specifically, the bill would change state insurance law to: 1) Delete a requirement that copayments for basic health services provided under a health maintenance organization (HMO) contract be nominal. 2) Require the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS) to make an annual determination as to whether the greater copayment and coinsurance levels allowed by the bill had increased the number of employers who had contracted for HMO services and the number of HMO enrollees. 3) Require the Commissioner to hold a public hearing and issue an annual report delineating specific examples of copayment and coinsurance levels in force, and suggestions to increase the number of HMO enrollees; and require the Commissioner to issue a supplemental report if the results were disputed or circumstances had changed. 4) Require an HMO that participated in a State or Federal health program, excluding a State or Federal employee health program, to meet the Code's solvency and financial requirements, unless it were in receivership or under supervision.

Support: MI Assn. of Health Plans, MAHP, HAP, Physicians Health Plan, Alliance Health, Priority Health, Health Plus, America's Health Insurance Plans, National Federation of Independent Businesses, MI Nurses Assn., Small Business Association of Michigan.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- SB 88 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 120 (Johnson)

SB 263 (Hammerstrom)

SB 120 would provide that, when a defendant was accused of an offense involving domestic violence, evidence of other acts of domestic violence would not be made inadmissible. Evidence of an act occurring more than 10 years before the charged offense would be inadmissible, however, unless the court determined that admitting the evidence was in the interest of justice. If the prosecuting attorney intended to offer evidence under the bill, he or she would have to disclose the evidence to the defendant at least 15 days before the trial, or later as allowed by the court for good cause shown.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was defeated.
- Johnson 2 (S-4) was adopted.
- SB 120 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 263 would specify that evidence would not be inadmissible as hearsay in a domestic violence case if all of the following applied: the statement purported to narrate, describe, or explain the infliction or threat of physical injury upon the person making the statement; the action in which the evidence was offered was an offense involving domestic violence; the statement was made at or near the time of the infliction or threat of physical injury; the statement was made under circumstances that would indicate its trustworthiness; and the statement was made to a law enforcement official. Evidence of a statement made more than five years before the filing of the action or proceeding would be inadmissible. If the prosecuting attorney intended to offer evidence under the bill, he or she would have to disclose the evidence to the defendant at least 15 days before the trial, or later as allowed by the court for good cause shown.

- Committee 1 (S-4) was defeated.
- Committee 2 (S-6) was adopted.
- SB 263 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 788 (Jelinek)

SB 788 would require a higher standard for the marking and lighting of farm equipment on highways than is currently required, making Michigan's highways safer for everyone. The standards would improve the recognition of slow-moving equipment, giving drivers time to slow down and take appropriate precautions. The standards would improve recognition both at night and during the day, with reflective markings and lights to improve night visibility, and fluorescent markings for daytime recognition. The standards also would improve the recognition of equipment over 12 feet wide by requiring lights and markings identifying the left and right extremities of the equipment. Uniform lighting and marking patterns would help other drivers readily to identify farm equipment on the highway.

- Jelinek 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- SB 788 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 794 (George)

SB 794 would create a Newborn Screening Committee and require the Committee to make recommendations regarding additions to and deletions from the list of required newborn screening tests. The bill also would require reporting on the results of hearing tests performed on infants and children younger than three.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated.
- Committee 2 (S-2) was adopted.
- SB 794 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4369 (Amos)

HB 4369 would apply to the Summit Place Mall in Waterford Township in Oakland County. The owners of the Mall are proposing a major redevelopment that will change an older commercial shopping center into a mixed residential and retail complex. The bill would allow rehabilitated commercial property (the Mall) to receive a reduction in property taxes for one to ten years, with the length determined by the local unit of government.

- HB 4369 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4403 (Walker)

HB 4403 would allow a physician to delegate tasks involving the use of surgical instrumentation to an individual who is a certified surgical technologist or certified surgical first assistant when that physician was present during the procedure and provided direct supervision.

- HB 4403 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 5050 (Robertson)

HB 5050 would require the State Tax Commission to issue an exemption certificate that would run from December 30, 2005, to December 30, 2010, for a piece of property in Fenton. The lost property tax revenue for state, local and school combined is approximately \$120,000 annually or \$600,000 over the five years remaining from the original industrial property tax abatement. This estimate is based on the current assessed value of the real property located in the City of Fenton and current millage rates, which total slightly less than 58 mills, and the depreciated value of the personal property that the prospective buyer, Tri-Bar Manufacturing, would move into the plant.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated.
- Committee 2 (S-2) was adopted.
- HB 5050 was moved to 3rd Reading.

RESOLUTIONS

SR 69 (Gilbert)

A resolution to urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reject proposed revisions to floodplain elevation thresholds in St. Clair County.

- Committee 1 was adopted.
- SR 69 was adopted [no RC].